

Media Tip Sheet: Sustainability

“How does Indiana maintain our forests?”



Indiana is committed to sustainable forestry practices to meet the needs of the present forest industry without compromising the needs of future generations.

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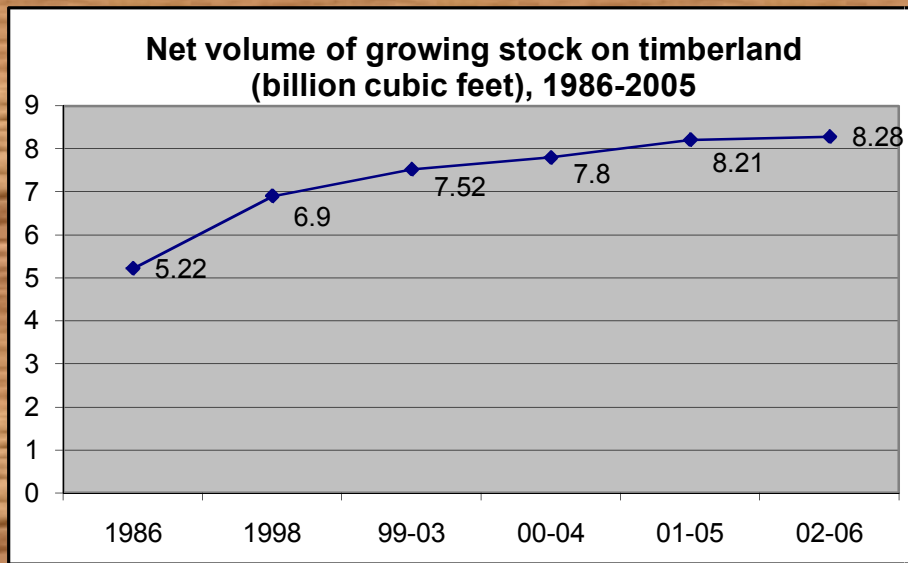
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This is accomplished by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates growing, managing, nurturing, harvesting and regenerating forests hand-in-hand with the conservation of soil, air, water, biodiversity, recreation and aesthetic resources.

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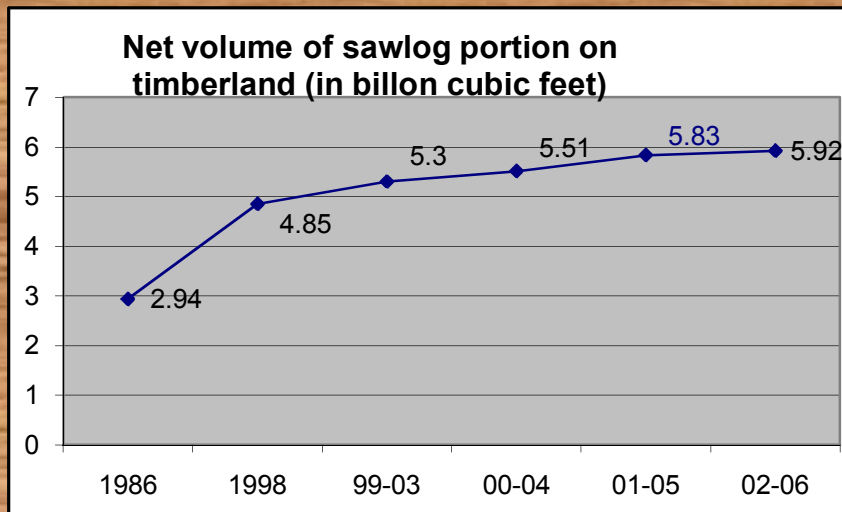
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The inventory and monitoring of Indiana's forests indicates that forestland area and volume have been steadily increasing for decades. Hardwood forests continue to dominate the majority of Indiana's forests both in terms of acreage and volume.

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Average annual growth exceeds removals by a ratio of 1.54-to-1 meaning Indiana is growing one-and-one-half times more timber than it is harvesting and losing to mortality.*

* Source: *The Sustainability of Indiana's Forest Resources* (report and more information available upon request).

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